Items for small scale units

3926. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the items for which compulsory licencing provisions would not apply and for which no registration is done at all by small scale sector ;

(b) what are the names of the items which are restricted for manufacturing in Small Scale Sector ;

(c) whether small scale units exclusively assembling air conditioners, VCRs, VCPs, Cycles, require any compulsory licence registration or are exempted from such provisions ;

(d) the details of the competent authority empowered to issue licence/registration in this regard ; and

(e) whether small scale units exclusively to be engaged in repacking of material in small packing from large/ bulked packed required any licence or registration whatsoever, if so, what are the details thereof and the names of the authorities empowered for issuing of such licences/registration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) :; (a) Small Scale & Ancillary Industrial Undertakings covered by Notification No. S.O. 232(E) dt. 2-4-91 are free to manufacutre :

(i) Any item not included in Schedule —I or Schedule—-II to the notification No. S. O. 477(E) dated 25-7-91.

(ii) Items included in Schedule III to the Notification No. S.O. 477(E) dated 25-7-91 i.e. Items exclusively reserved for manufacuture in SSI, including such items in Schedule-Ill which are also included in Scheduled-II. and

(iii) Items covered in Schedule-Il, if the number of workers in industrial undertaking are less than 50, if manufacturing with the use of power and less than 103 workers if manufacturing without the use of power.

(b) There are no restrictions on manu facture of any items covered in (a) above by units in the small scale sector.

(c) Compulsory licensing is required air-conditioners, VCRs, and VCPs if the number of workers in the ndus-trial undertaking is 50 or more where manufacturing is with the use of power, or more than 100 without the use of power. Manufacutre of cycles in s mall scale does not require any licence.

(d) The registration with State Direct -tor of Industries by small scale industrial undertakings is purely optional. Units desiring to manufacture items which are not covered in (a) above and re quire industrial licence, have to apply to the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals in the Ministry of Industry.

(e) Re-packing of material in small packing is an industrial activity and Small Scale Units engaged in re-packing can be registered with the State Directorate of Industries if the same are covered in (a) above.

Improvement in ESBceincy and Profitability of PSUs

3927. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take steps in consultations with the respective Trade Unions to bring out real causes of losses or low Productivity in the Central Public Sector Undertakings and take steps to improve their efficiency and profitability/productivity; and

(b) the number of employees employed in such undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Government is continuously talcing steps to improve the efficiency, profitability and productivity of PSUS. Enterprise specific remedial action is taken by the concerned administrative Minisry/ Department in the sphere *of* financial, managerial and organisational restructuring, technological upgradation, modernisation, etc. A system of MOU is being implemented to confer greater autonomy and commensurate accountability on enterprise and evaluate their performance comprehensively on the basis of an understanding. However, PSUs which are unlikely to be turned around may, for formulation of revival/rehabilitation schemes be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). During the course of its examination, BIFR may consult trade unions. Besides, the Special Tripartite Committee set up by the Govt, is also consulting